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SECTION III: REMARKS

It is respectfully requested that the changes as noted above in Section I be made to the present application.

The Related Applications section of the Specification has been deleted.

In the Office Action mailed 8/4/2006, claims 1-2, 4-6 and 9-19 were rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Shea (U.S. Patent 7,056,265, herein referred to as "Shea"), claims 3 and 7 were rejected as being unpatentable under 35 USC 103(a) over Shea in view of Millington (U.S. Patent 6,949,052, herein referred to as "Millington"), and claim 8 was objected to as depending from a rejected base claim but were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The above noted rejections are respectfully traversed. However, in order to further the prosecution of the present application, and without waiving any of applicant's rights to argue the allowability of the originally presented claims in a subsequent appeal or other proceeding in the event that the Examiner does not concur that the present amendment places the application in condition for allowance, applicant has herein amended the claims to include the indicated allowable subject matter, either directly or through dependence, in all of the amended claims as herein submitted thereby placing all of the claims in condition for allowance.

More specifically, in the above referenced Office Action, it was indicated that claim 8 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base

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claim and any intervening claims. Original claim 8 depended from original claim 4 which, in turn depended from original claim 1. Claim 4 included the ID signal feature and claim 8 included a second reading feature. Claim 8 has been rewritten in independent form as amended claim 1 which now includes the above noted language of original claims 8 and 4. As herein amended, claim 1 is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claims 4 and 8 have herein been cancelled with the substance of those claims being included in amended claim 1.

Independent claims 17 and 18 have also been herein amended to include the above noted features of original claims 4 and 8 which have been indicated as being allowable subject matter. Therefore, claims 17 and 18 are also believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claims 5 and 6 have herein been amended to change their dependency from cancelled claim 4 to amended claim 1.

All of the remaining dependent claims ultimately depend from, and include all of the limitations of, one of the amended independent claims 1 or 18, in addition to the further limitations of the individual dependent claims. Therefore dependent claims 2-3, 5-7, 9-16 and 19 are also believed to be allowable.

The rejections discussed in pages 2-4 of the above-referenced Office Action, have been considered but not agreed with, and are considered moot in view of the inclusion of the designated allowable subject matter in all of the claims of the present application.

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Therefore, as herein presented, claims 1-19 are believed to be in condition for allowance, an early notice of which is hereby requested. If any outstanding issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions in order to expedite the allowance of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below, prior to the issuance of another Office Action, in order to allow the applicant the opportunity to further amend the application by Supplemental Amendment or Examiner's Amendment, as may be appropriate, to place the application in condition for allowance. The Examiner's attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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